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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 15, 28, and 41 are pending. The previously withdrawn claims 6, 7, 19, 20, 32, 33, 45, and 46 are being cancelled. Claims 3, 16, 29, and 42 are being cancelled. Applicants respectfully request allowance at an early date of the pending claims.

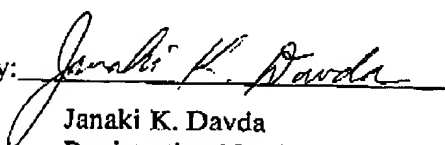
In particular, in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner submits that withdrawn claims have not been provided with the proper status identifiers. In response, Applicants have indicated that the non-elected claims 6, 19, 32, and 45 (Group II) and claims 7, 20, 33, and 46 (Group III) have been "Cancelled" in the listing of claims.

Additionally, the Examiner objects to claims 3, 16, 29, and 42 under 37 C.F.R. 1.75. Applicants respectfully traverse, but, to expedite prosecution, Applicants are cancelling claims 3, 16, 29, and 42.

Applicants have not added any claims. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0460.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact her at (310) 556-7983 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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